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Senate Competitiveness Committee  
Attn: Sen. Mike Shirkey, Chair  
Lansing, Michigan

**RE: Opposition to HB 4052**

Dear Members of the Senate Competitiveness Committee:

Thank you for registering my respectful opposition to HB 4052. The bill as currently proposed clearly infringes on the time-honored respect for local control. The bill would unnecessarily interfere with our ability to negotiate with our vendors. In addition, the bill raises questions about its impact on local control over existing zoning, economic development and tax abatement agreements and negotiations. All of which are tools that Kalamazoo and other communities have used to grow economically in partnership with local businesses and developers.

We urge committee members to vote "NO" on House Bill 4052.

Supporting the Journey,

Bobby J. Hopewell  
Mayor